

III. Remarks/Arguments

Applicant is pleased to have received the Notice of Allowance of August 11, 2006. Applicant thanks Examiner for contacting Attorney for Applicant in the telephone interview on August 7, 2006 to confirm the change as noted in the Examiner's
5 Amendment in order to further advance prosecution of this application.

In addition, Applicant appreciates Examiner's clarification during the telephone interview on November 1, 2006 with Attorney for Applicant that the "statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter" in the Examiner's Amendment of August 11, 2006 does not affect the scope of the claims as amended by Applicant.

10 Also, as noted during the interview, Applicant respectfully requests entry of the amendments to the drawings to further clarify and improve the drawings. These amendments have support in the originally filed application as explained herein. No new matter has been added. The amendments to the drawings (i.e., FIGS. 1-7c) include adding page and application serial number designations, smoothing various wavy lines
15 representing geometry (curves, ellipses, circles, etc.), formatting and clarifying geometry, and lines/dashed lines, adding shading, correcting and adding missing reference numbers, and showing examples of structural contact as noted on the Annotated Sheets Showing Changes.

Applicant also requests entry of the amendments to the specification as noted
20 above in "Amendments to the Specification" to correct a figure number and an item reference number. These amendments are made to correct minor editorial problems. No new matter has been added.

Please note that the foregoing changes do not affect the allowability of the claims.

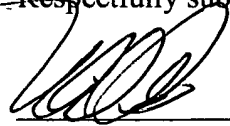
Finally, Applicant respectfully requests that the previous claim amendments be
25 incorporated prior to issuance (please see, the previous amendment to claim 18 made in the Examiner's Amendment made on August 7, 2006 [as noted in the Notice of Allowability] and the previous claim amendments made to claims 1, 5, 8, 15, 17, 18, 21, and cancelled claim 27 in Applicant's Office Action Response filed on July 25, 2006).

If there is anything regarding the foregoing which can be discussed by telephone, Applicant respectfully requests that Examiner call Applicant's attorney at the telephone number listed below.

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Respectfully submitted,

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II. Amendments to the Drawings:

Applicant respectfully requests entry of the amendments to the drawings as noted below. These amendments have support in the originally filed application as explained below. No new matter has been added. Please note that all reference numerals in FIGS.

5 1-7c were un-italized to amend the format.

The attached Replacement Sheets (Pages 1-5) include the following amendments. These Replacement Sheets replace the original sheets.

The proposed changes below are indicated in red on the attached Annotated Sheets Showing Changes (Pages 1-5):

10 PAGE: 1 OF 5:

- Added page designation "1/5" to top of page.
- Added the following new information to the label: "APPL. SERIAL NO.: 10/823,285" and "PAGE: 1 OF 5".
- FIGS. 1-2: Smoothed wavy lines representing geometry (curves, ellipses, circles, etc.), formatted and clarified lines and added shading.
- FIG. 2: Added missing reference numbers 68, 140, and 82 (see support in originally filed specification: for example, FIG. 2 and page 8, lines 3-20).

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- Added page designation "2/5" to top of page.
- Added the following new information to the label: "APPL. SERIAL NO.: 10/823,285" and "PAGE: 2 OF 5".
- FIG. 3: Smoothed wavy lines representing geometry (curves, ellipses, circles, etc.), formatted and clarified lines and added shading.
- FIG. 4a: Formatted and clarified geometry, lines/dashed lines.
- FIG. 4b: Smoothed wavy lines representing geometry (curves, ellipses, circles, etc.), and formatted and clarified lines. Added

reference number 215 (see support in originally filed specification:
for example, page 9, line 16).

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- Added page designation "3/5" to top of page.
- 5 - Added the following new information to the label: "APPL.
SERIAL NO.: 10/823,285" and "PAGE: 3 OF 5".
- FIGS. 5a and 5b: Added reference numbers 200 and 215 (see
support in originally filed specification: for example, page 9, line
16). Formatted and clarified geometry, lines/dashed lines. Show
10 one example of contact between items 215 and 140 in FIG. 5a and
between items 200 and 140 in FIG. 5b (see support in originally
filed specification: for example, page 9, lines 15-22).
- FIG. 5c: Formatted and clarified geometry, lines/dashed lines.

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- 15 - Added page designation "4/5" to top of page.
- Added the following new information to the label: "APPL.
SERIAL NO.: 10/823,285" and "PAGE: 4 OF 5".
- FIG. 6a: Show one example of contact between items 455 and 460
(see support in originally filed specification: for example, page 12,
20 lines 3-12). Formatted and clarified geometry, lines/dashed lines.

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- Added page designation "5/5" to top of page.
- Added the following new information to the label: "APPL.
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- 25 - FIG. 7a: Smoothed wavy lines representing geometry (curves,
ellipses, circles, etc.). Formatted and clarified geometry,
lines/dashed lines.
- FIG. 7b: Smoothed wavy lines representing geometry (curves,
ellipses, circles, etc.).

- FIG. 7c: Smoothed wavy lines representing geometry (curves, ellipses, circles, etc.) and added shading. Showed item 580 lead line indicating aperture (see support in originally filed specification: for example, page 13, lines 14-22).

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Attachments: Replacement Sheets (Pages 1-5)

Annotated Sheets Showing Changes (Pages 1-5)

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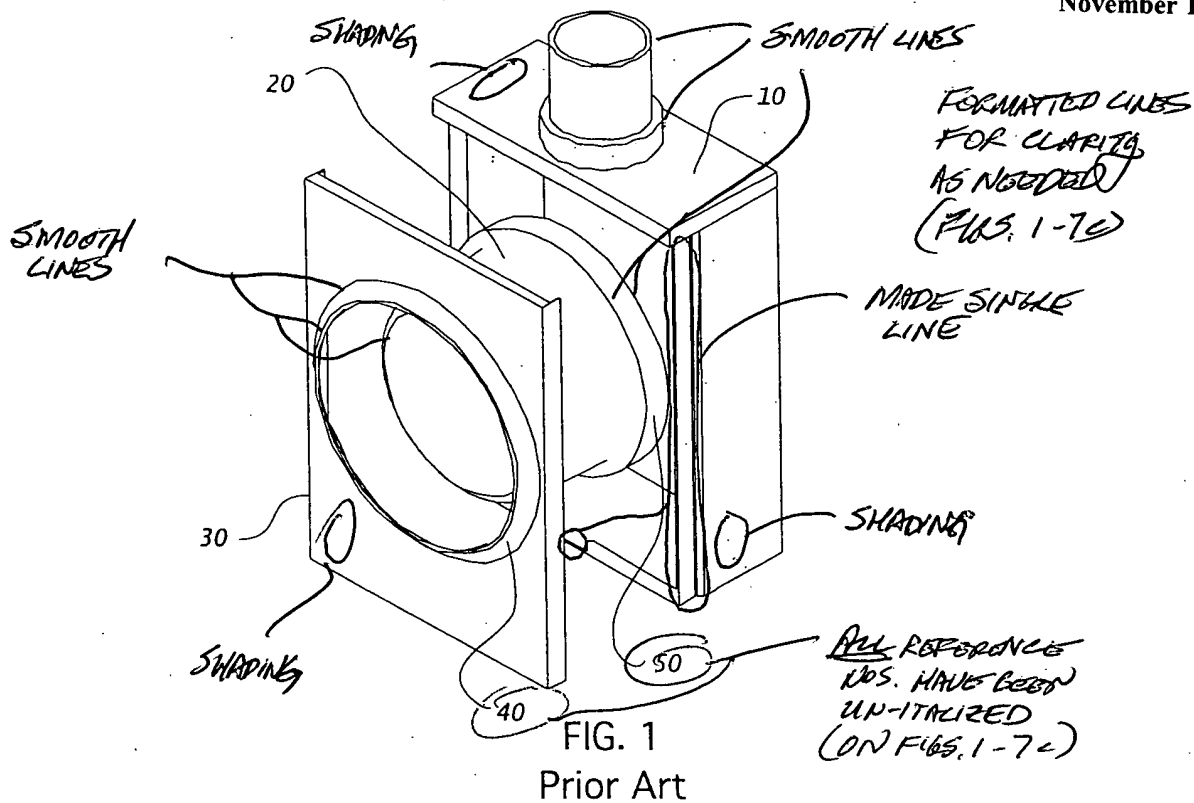


FIG. 1
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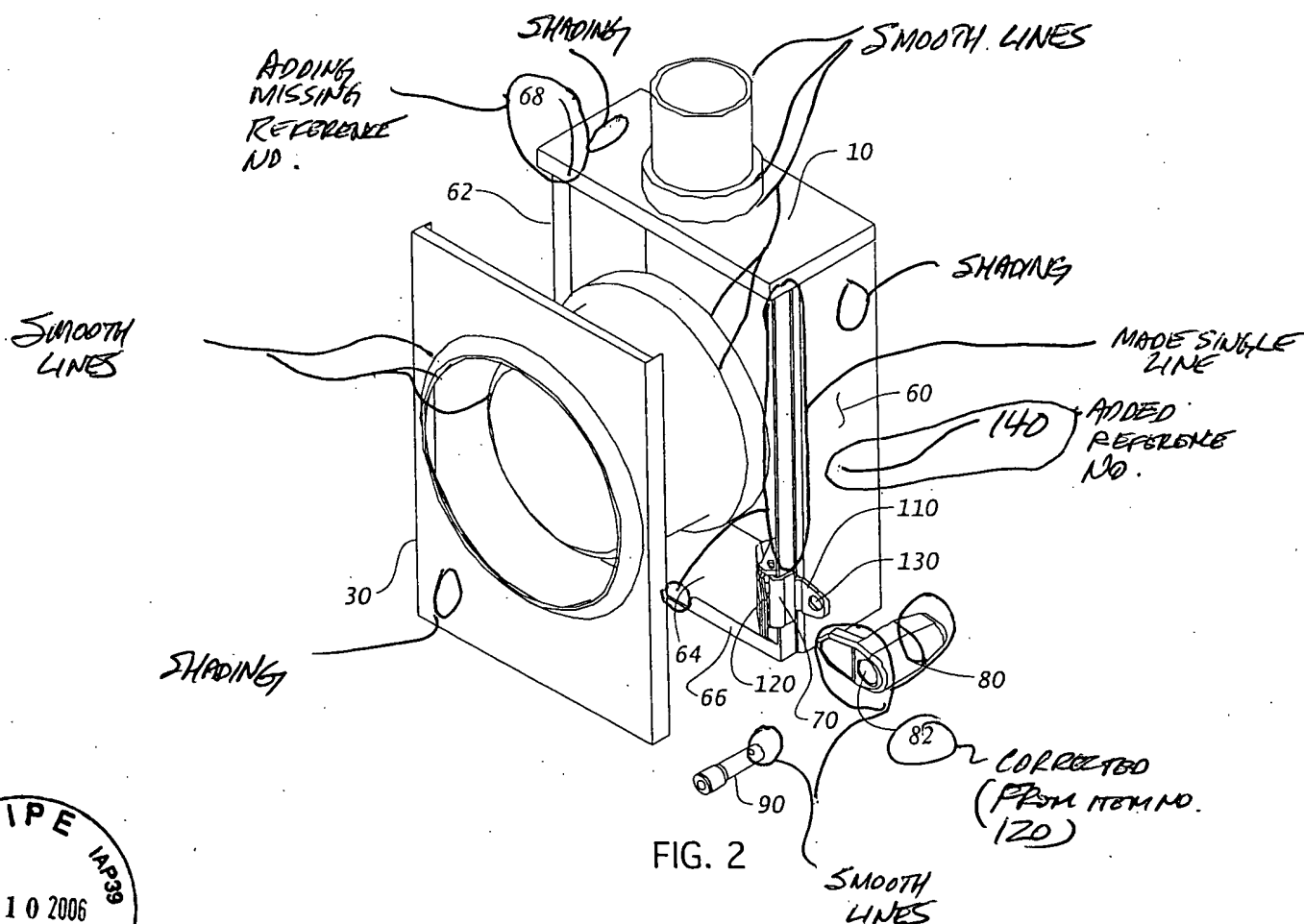


FIG. 2



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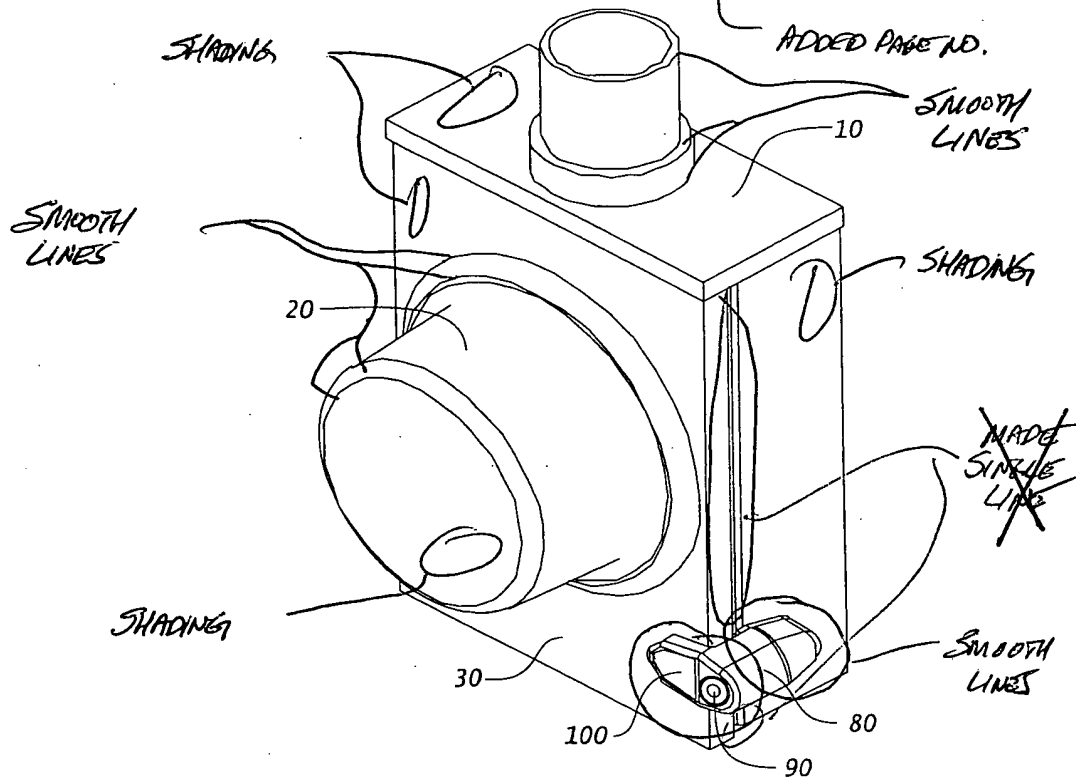


FIG. 3

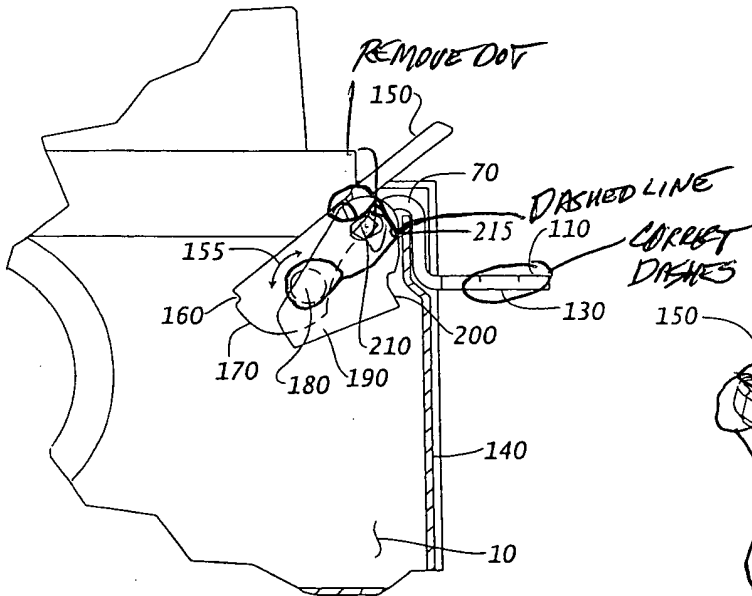


FIG. 4a

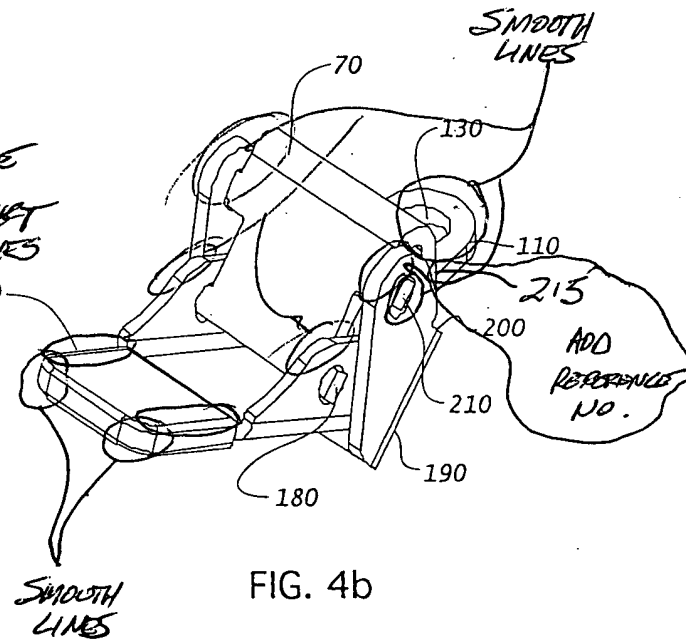


FIG. 4b

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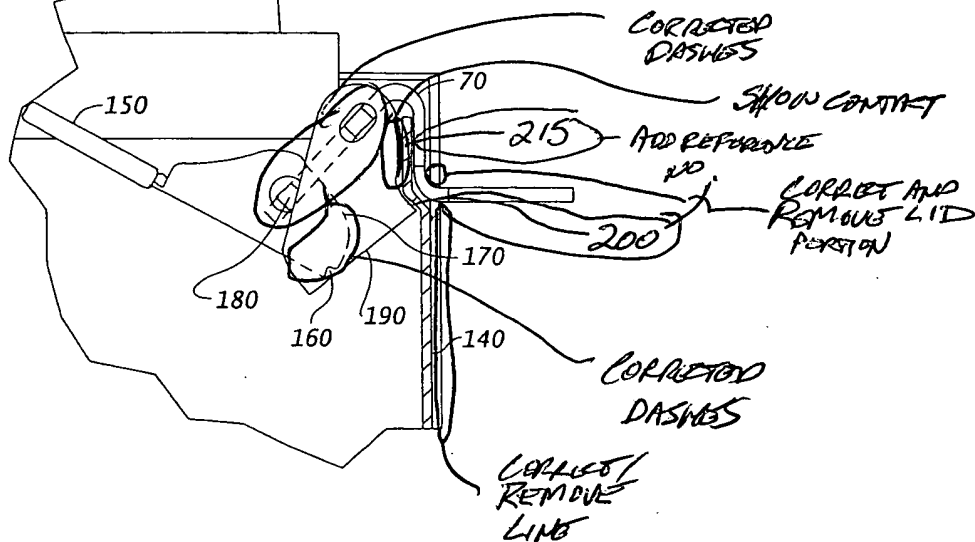


FIG. 5a

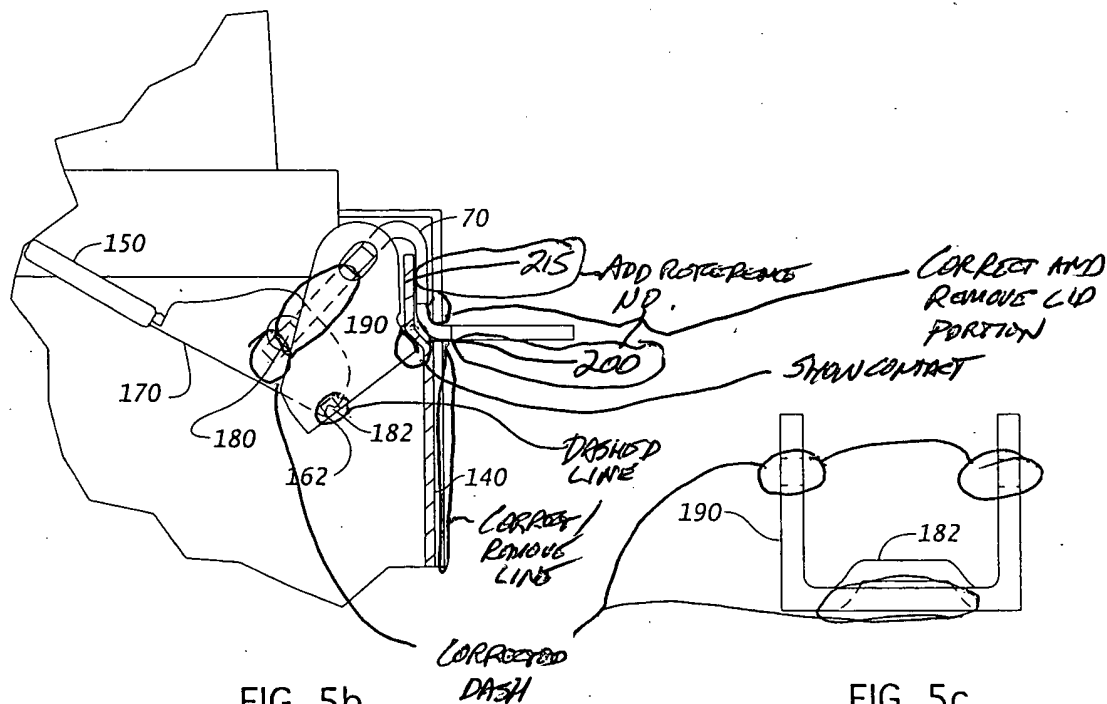


FIG. 5b

FIG. 5c

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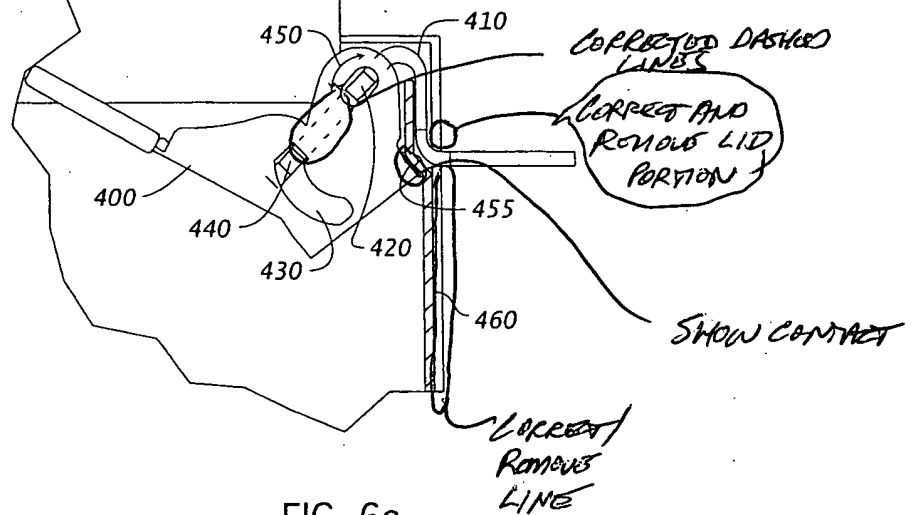


FIG. 6a

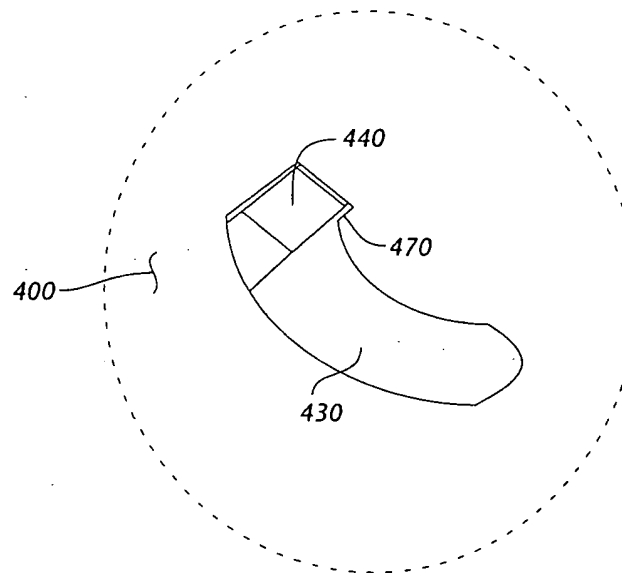


FIG. 6b

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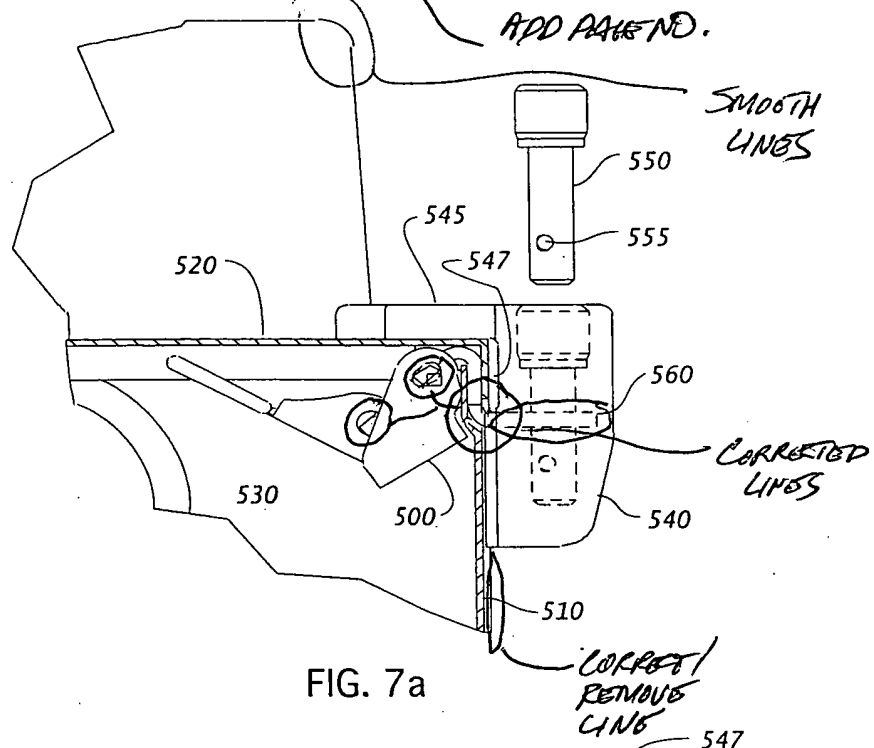


FIG. 7a

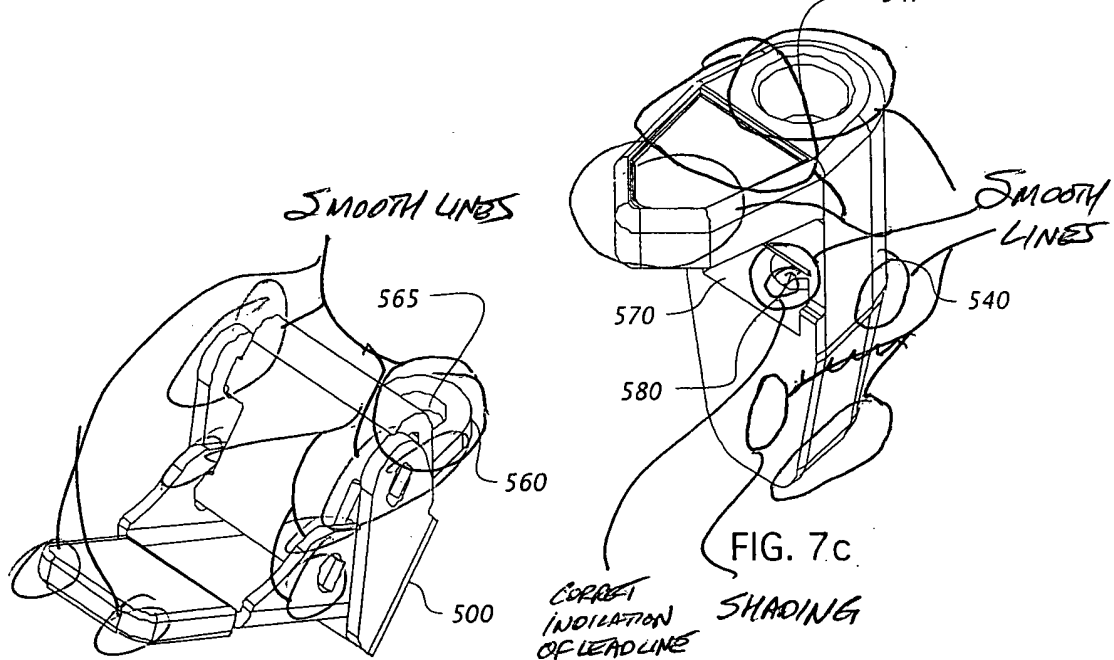


FIG. 7c

FIG. 7b